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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants

Bruno Macchia, et al.

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For

**CERAMIDE ANALOGS, PROCESS FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND
THEIR USE AS ANTITUMOR AGENTS**

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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a **three-month** extension of time in connection with the above-identified application to respond to the final Office Action mailed November 18, 2003. A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed in payment of the three-month extension fee.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Dated: May 18, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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